

way clearly to accept the positions to which they had been nominated.

HERESY TRIAL IS ON

Startling Statements Are Attributed to Presbyterian Minister.

Atlantic City, N. J., May 22.—The unanimous adoption of the report favoring a union with the Reformed Church; a protest against the acceptance by the government of the silver service for the battleship Utah, on which appears an engraving of Brigham Young and the Mormon tabernacle; the starting of a movement to establish a fund of \$8,000,000 to permit a pension increase for disabled ministers and widows of ministers; and the taking of testimony in the heresy trial of Rev. William D. Grant, of Northumberland, Pa., were among the important happenings at to-day's session of the 134th annual General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church.

That it was a physical impossibility for "Christ to have stood on the pinnacle of the temple at Jerusalem and been tempted by Satan," as related in the New Testament, was one of the startling statements attributed to the Rev. William D. Grant, at the heresy trial before the permanent judicial committee.

Dr. Grant is charged with having said that the temple pinnacle was entirely too small for any one to stand on. In commenting on the death of Uzziah, who, as told in the Old Testament, was struck dead for daring to put his hand on the ark of the covenant, while that precious relic was being taken from the threshing floor of Hebron to the temple at Jerusalem, Dr. Grant is alleged to have said:

"This man Uzziah must have had an aneurism of the heart or burst a blood vessel in his head, and it is reasonable to suppose that God struck him dead under such circumstances."

Dr. Grant was also accused of having told a member of his church that he intended "to cast the devil out of the Bible" by preaching a certain sermon.

Some of the remarkable statements credited to Dr. Grant follow:

"He is said to have stated that Moses had the blues when he wrote some of his poems."

"He is no personal devil. 'Eve found sin in her own heart' and was not tempted by Satan."

"Christ was crucified in a perfectly natural manner by a mob of fanatic Jews, and did not plan His own crucifixion."

Such remarks as these are against every basic doctrine of the church, and indicate, say his prosecutors, that Dr. Grant does not believe in the divine spirit of the Scriptures.

Among other startling theories said to have been advanced by Dr. Grant is a positive denial that there ever was such a man as Jonah, and that neither Christ nor any other acts as mediator between God and man.

DROUGHT BECOMING MENACE TO FARMERS

Boleful Relief Comes Soon, Immense Damage Will Result—Stop Transplanting Tobacco.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Lynchburg, Va., May 22.—The drought in this section is becoming a serious menace to the tobacco interests, and unless there is relief shortly immense damage will have been done to the farmers. The drought did not become serious until a few days ago, when the weather became unusually warm and with hot winds blowing from the South and West.

Now the farmers are unable to work, and to plant is fully until there has been some rain. No tobacco is being transplanted, and thousands of plants are rotting, and many have been killed. The oats and wheat crop are being ruined, and unless there is rain soon the grain will be a total loss. The precipitation since May 1 has amounted to .45 of an inch, .37 of which fell on the 15th.

There is as yet no trouble for water for domestic purposes, and the effects of the dry weather are not as serious as they are for the hot winds from the South since last Thursday.

Prospect Is Not Bright.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Newbern, N. C., May 22.—On account of the long-continued cold weather, followed by the extraordinary dry spell of recent weeks, the prospect for the farmers in this section is very bleak. Cotton has had so little moisture that it is not doing well in many cases, and in others is barely through the ground, while other crops are in practically the same condition. The truck crop has been badly hit also. Cabbages have been a good price, from \$2.25 to \$2.50 per crate, and the ground peas are small. In many cases where the most prospective crops are for a good crop have been harvested, and the ground peas are small. In many cases where the most prospective crops are for a good crop have been harvested, and the ground peas are small.

LIFE GUARD SAVES HIM

Three-Year-Old Floyd Isbell Clings On Underneath Car Until He Is Extricated.

Clinging to the life guard underneath the car, little Floyd Isbell, of 12 South Cherry Street, saved himself from a horrible death yesterday when a street car ran him down at Main Street. The child was on the tracks when the car struck him, and the driver passed over the child and the crowd after the car was stopped, trusting to the forward end expecting to see a mangled form.

The boy was hanging to the life guard, and with the exception of a few scratches and bruises was unharmed. He was taken home.

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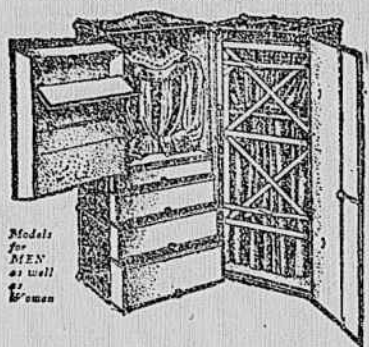
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GRIFFIN TO LEAVE TIDEWATER LEAGUE

Report That He Is Coming to Richmond Emphatically Denied by Bradley.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Norfolk, Va., May 22.—Beginning with to-morrow afternoon it will be Boatswain Lucia, of the Rookies team, in the Tidewater League. Steve Griffin relinquished the management of the team to-night.

Receiving better offers for the management of other teams, and desiring to leave himself, Griffin, not willing to leave President Hannan without it was agreeable, put the matter up to that official, and was promptly given his release.

"I have better offers, and believe I can do better for myself, although Mr. Hannan has treated me fairly," explained Griffin to-night. "Of course, had he insisted I would have remained with his team, as I am no contract jumper, and wish the Tidewater success."

"If he desired, it was agreeable with me for Griffin to go," said Mr. Hannan when seen. "I am confident that the team will be as well off in the hands of Catcher Lucia."

"Lucia is an excellent man, crack-jack backstop, and will give his best services to the development of the youngsters under his wing."

It is understood that Griffin has an offer at Jacksonville, Columbia, Bristol and Youngstown. It is also whispered that one of the Virginia League clubs is after his services. Griffin's friends believe he is going with the Virginia club, although he seems favorably inclined to go South.

It is understood here that Griffin's real destination is Richmond, and that

he has been offered the management of the Colts.

Regarding the concluding paragraph of the above story, Owner V. B. Bradley said at an early hour this morning that there was not a word of truth in it. His denial was as emphatic as his denial of the fact that he was not at all pleased with the rumor.

"I am entirely satisfied with Mr. Sullivan, and I believe that he will give us a winner. With Wallace working out twice a day to get into shape for the game when the team returns, and with the new pitcher from Altoona, I feel that Richmond will soon be at the top. So far as Steve Griffin coming to Richmond, I would never swap Sullivan for him, not under any circumstances. We are satisfied with what we've got in the way of a manager."

AMUSEMENTS

Academy of Music—Dark.

Bijou—"In the Bishop's Carriage," matinee and night.

Lubin—Vaudeville.

This week's offering at the Bijou by "Little Emma Bunting and her players"—the "Schiller Amusement Company presents" is omitted from the program for, doubtless, good and sufficient managerial reasons—is very different from the two preceding productions by that popular organization.

"Salome Jane" breathed of the California redwoods in the earlier days. The Prince of Patches conveyed nothing on earth save the pleasing personality of the winsome little star. "In the Bishop's Carriage," a dramatization, or, rather, an adaptation, of the well-known book of that name, is a sort of modern, drawing room melodrama, dealing with the redemption, through love, of a very charming little feminine "second story worker" and "dip"—a curious combination of two distinct branches of the profession.

The piece itself is lacking in many of the qualities that go to make a play a success. There are enough situations, of a kind, to please an audience. "Little Emma Bunting" is a well-told and childish manner of billing a woman who is genuinely clever—is always interesting and magnetic, but, it must be admitted that, as Nance O'Brien, she is not well cast.

Her "big" moments were somewhat unintelligible, and her voice is intended to be used in parts other than the noisily melodramatic.

Owing to the sudden illness of Ferd Tidmarsh, there were several changes in the cast. Frank McManis played Tom Dorgan, Jerome Storm, the sergeant, and the bit of the reporter was omitted. None of the police were badgers—even those admitting their weakness to the fire lines—but, on the whole, the production was fairly good.

The interminable waits between scenes will hardly occur again, and Jerome Storm, as a desk sergeant in a police station, will probably not continue to batter his desk with a judge's gavel to obtain order among the prisoners lined up before him.

It is certainly not, if his stage manager will ask for information on the point from any policeman, or any "occasional."

W. D. G.

SCAFFOLD BREAKS

A. L. Deaton and W. S. Butler Hurt at New York City.

A. L. Deaton, of Oakdale, and W. S. Butler, of this city, were badly injured yesterday morning when a scaffold on which they were working at the new post-office building broke and precipitated them to the ground. Butler suffered a broken arm and a possibly internal injury, and Deaton suffered a broken ankle, lacerations and bruises.

They were attended first by Dr. Furman, of the city ambulance corps, and were afterwards taken to the Memorial Hospital.

LYRIC THEATRE TO GET NO LICENSE

(Continued From First Page.)

Mr. Wallerstein acquired property at Eighth and Grace Streets, paying \$88,500 for it. Shortly afterwards certain Richmond and New York parties suggested that if he would change the lot and erect on it a modern play house of the first class they would lease it for fifteen years. He therefore purchased the adjoining lot in the rear for \$30,000, making a property investment of \$118,500, and closed a fifteen-year lease with the Keith theatrical interests, through Jack Wells.

The Building Inspector on April 6, by letter, gave permission for clearing the lot, and promised to issue the necessary building permit if the plans were in conformity with city ordinances. Mr. Wallerstein then sent to New York, and at a cost of \$2,000 had the drawings prepared, and was prepared to proceed with the work, having no intention of objections until he had incurred great expense. On May 18 the building permit was issued, and on the same day Mr. Hunton wrote a letter calling attention to the fact that the ordinance had been introduced at the instance of St. Paul's and St. Peter's Churches.

No Civic Demand for It. Mr. Gordon proceeded to argue that there was no civic demand for the ordinance, and could not be; that it was special legislation for two churches. He called attention to the fact that the ordinance was introduced on Grace Street, and named the Broad Street stores which have acquired property for Grace Street entrances with a view of making it a business thoroughfare as far west as Poushee Street.

The churches, he said, could not continue to frequent themselves in a residential section—the signs of the times were all against it—and it was the history of every city with a healthy growth. The churches, if they cared to sell, would feel the advance in the price of property. The Grace Street Presbyterian Church, at Fourth and Grace Streets, of which Mr. Gordon is an officer, he stated, had just declined an offer of \$55,000 for its property from a business house. High prices on Broad Street, he contended, were inevitably forcing certain lines of business to Grace Street, and no special interests could stop such a movement.

Makes Strong Protest. "What is the influence that has been brought to bear?" he asked. "I am not a devotee of theatres, nor am I here to speak for their moral influence, but to protest against this interference of ecclesiastical powers with state affairs. No business or social or educational interests ask for this ordinance. The only interests are two churches. You are here to vote on this ordinance, and at the behest of these churches, and for that alone."

Mr. Gordon continued his argument for more than an hour, taking the ground that the proposed legislation was unwise, because unnecessary; that neither of the churches would be harmed by the ordinance; that the owners would agree that there would be no billboards on the Grace Street front, and that all gallery entrances and the exit between the theatre and the street would be closed, and that no more would be made to open on Sunday or during Holy Week. The theatre, he maintained, would do by the churches as it would have the churches do by it.

He asserted that it was rather inconsistent for churches that have not given their deliverance on theatres or attempted to discipline members for attending to oppose an institution they have tacitly approved by failing to condemn.

Permitted to Attend Theatres. If the churches were attempting to thwart a public enterprise as an evil, he would not know why the bishops had not taken action to suppress theatre attendance among the members. Further, it was a gross discrimination against one line of business. Show windows of stores glassed and lighted were more alluringly lighted than the theatre.

Council would do to protect the Grace Street Baptist Church when the Cohen Company built its Grace Street Annex, or other churches lower down, when Miller & Rhoads came out to Grace Street on property already acquired for the purpose.

The nearest point of view of music by actual measurement, he said, was just 6 inches over the 75-foot line, from the nearest point of St. Paul's—measuring from the eaves it would be less. The Colonial, with which it was proposed, there be no interference within a radius of St. John's German Evangelical Church.

The crux of the situation, he said, was the great principle before Virginia since the earliest times, the entire separation of church and State. Mr. Gordon's intimate knowledge of church and State, and his familiarity with the Scriptures stood him in good stead, as he told how nations had taken to the sword for their faiths and perished by it; how the Puritans had tried to legislate morality and had failed.

Some Other Speakers. Henry Allison, of the private citizens' union, on the block and a member of St. Peter's Church, said he saw no objection to the theatre. Building Inspector Beck was called as a witness, and in answer to questions said that probably 100 blocks in Richmond would be affected by the ordinance, and that the ordinance was too close to churches to be considered as theatre sites.

Fred W. Scott opened for the side favoring the ordinance, presenting endorsements from thirty churches and from the Baptist Pastors' Conference at Methodist Church, and Deaton and Tidmarsh were from 4 Baptist, 1 Christian, 5 Catholic, 9 Methodist, 3 Lutheran, 1 Presbyterian and 7 Episcopal churches. Mr. Gordon called attention to the fact that one Presbyterian Church had declined to adopt the resolution sent to it on the ground that it was not a church.

On the part of the church in matter of legislation. Rev. S. C. Hatcher, D. D., spoke for the Methodist pastors. Mr. Gordon asked him whether he thought theatres had any place in the community, to which he replied by asking the attorney whether he cared to have a fertilizer factory placed next to his house.

Left to Private Judgment. Rev. J. N. Latham called attention to the interruption to funeral, marriage and special services, those of the church, and through their way through the usual throngs of theatre loafers. Mr. Gordon asked him whether the Methodist conference had taken any action against theatres, to which Mr. Latham replied that it was a matter for private judgment, with no specific church law. Many members of Methodist churches attended theatres, Mr. Latham said, it being purely a matter of private conscience. Some

went to good plays only, and some went to bad ones.

Dr. Gordon Johnston spoke generally of the broader questions involved—the religious sentiment against the rampant spirit of money-getting.

Mr. Hunton replied. Mr. Hunton spoke briefly for the ordinance, saying that the church made to reach some settlement by private negotiations; that the public know nothing of the plan until April 13, and since that date Mr. Wallerstein had had full notice of the opposition. The ordinance, he said, was a mere certificate that the plans were in accordance with building regulations. He demanded to know whether the Council would impair the usefulness of two churches for the sake of a land speculation, asking whether it was not proper for any church or any other organization of citizens owning property to come before the Council seeking relief from a legal manner.

John C. Freuden spoke in favor of the ordinance, saying that only a few years ago the Council had refused to permit the location of a slaughter house in the centre of the city, on producing of several neighbors. Chairman Umlauf spoke at length in favor of the ordinance. Mr. Hunton asked whether there was any chance of a compromise, and on being informed by Mr. Hunton that his side, in justice to the churches, would not consider such a move, but would stand on the ordinance, said he would vote for it. The roll was called and the ordinance unanimously recommended.

RECEIVERS APPOINTED.

Will Continue to Operate Plant of Esser Coal and Coke Company.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Norton, Va., May 22.—Judge Skeen, of the Circuit Court of Wise county, at the instance and by the consent of all parties concerned, has appointed receivers for the Esser Coal and Coke Company, a plant located on the Wise Terminal Railway, two miles northeast of Norton. Attorney R. S. Graham, of Norton, and George V. Hughes, of Dorchester, have been named as receivers, with instructions to borrow the necessary capital with which to operate the plant. The liabilities are in the neighborhood of \$50,000, but it is said that the assets are amply sufficient to pay all creditors in full.

STEAM SAWMILL PLANT IS DESTROYED BY FIRE

Loss Will Amount to \$1,200—Farmer Loses Dwelling House—Farmers Displeased by Lack of Rain.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Spotsylvania, Va., May 22.—The steam sawmill of William P. Mathe, near Snell, in this county, together with the fixtures and appliances belonging to it, also all the shanties and a quantity of lumber, were totally destroyed by fire last night. The total loss is \$1,200. There is no insurance, and the cause of fire is unknown.

The dwelling house and barns and other outbuildings, the property of Samuel Gordon, of the county, together with all the furniture and feed in the buildings, were totally destroyed by fire yesterday. The amount of the loss is \$1,000, and insurance \$500. The continued excessively hot and dry weather greatly embarrasses every feature of agriculture and general business. The hay crop is seriously hurt, plowing is impossible; the seed planted and sown are perishing in the earth, and early vegetables are dying in the gardens. Streams of water, where stock is watered, are drying up. The farmers are disappointed, and are plussed in their efforts to advance their work. No rain has fallen here since April 19, and the almost intolerable heat, with the drought, casts a shadow over the prospects of those who earn a livelihood by farming.

MAN KILLED BY STRIKING ABUTMENT OF A BRIDGE

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Bluefield, W. Va., May 22.—A death, a coal miner, met his death on a bridge near the town of Smith on a passenger train, and while the train was going twenty miles an hour was giving an exhibit by holding on to the hand rails and swinging down and striking the abutment of the bridge, and was killed.

OBITUARY

Mrs. Helen A. Nightingale, widow of Harry A. Nightingale, died yesterday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock at her home, 821 North Eleventh Street. She leaves

two sons, Harry A. and Charles B. Nightingale; four brothers, Cadmus B. George M., Richard H. and Daniel A. Nightingale, and three sisters, Mrs. M. Jayne, of Winterport; Mrs. Floyd Fowkes, and Miss Werta T. Johnston.

The funeral will take place to-morrow afternoon at 4 o'clock from Monumental Episcopal Church.

Reuben W. Moore. [Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Harrisonburg, Va., May 22.—Reuben W. Moore, sixty-nine years old, died last night at 11 o'clock at his home north of Harrisonburg. He was a prominent county resident and a member of S. B. Gibbons Camp of Confederate Veterans, having served in the Civil War in Company H, Tenth Virginia Regiment. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. O. B. Brock, and a son, A. Moore, both of Harrisonburg; a brother, David H. Moore, and a sister, Mrs. Martha Jennings, of Lacey Springs.

Mrs. Helen C. Hatchette. [Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Fredericksburg, Va., May 22.—Mrs. Helen C. Hatchette, a prominent resident of Lunenburg county, died Sunday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. G. C. Cabiness, at Forest Depot. She is survived by the following children: M. C. Hatchette, of Lunenburg county; Mrs. G. C. Cabiness, of Forest Depot, and Mrs. A. M. Edinger, of Harrisonburg.

William S. Fraser. [Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Fredericksburg, Va., May 22.—William S. Fraser, one of the best known citizens of Orange county, died last night at his home, after a lingering illness, aged fifty-eight years. Mr. Fraser has held many positions of honor and trust in his county, and was highly esteemed. He is survived by his wife, four daughters and one son, also one brother, Nat Fraser; two sisters, Mrs. Lewis Cowardin, of Richmond, and Mrs. L. G. Burruss, of Orange.

Frank Goodwin. [Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Gordonsville, Va., May 22.—Frank Goodwin died suddenly at his home in East Gordonsville about 3:30 o'clock Monday morning. He was 50 years of age. He is survived by three sons and three daughters—G. C. Goodwin, St. Louis, Mo.; T. B. Goodwin, Washington, D. C.; P. M. Goodwin, Gordonsville; Mrs. E. L. Lomax, Washington, D. C.; Mrs. E. S. Fessenden, Alexandria.

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Pure Italian Olive Oil, bottle. .10c

Winner Brand Condensed Milk, can. .9c

Smoked Country Jowls. .9c

Smoked California Hams, lb. .12c

Good Carolina Rice, lb. .12c

New Va. Comb Honey, pkg. .14c

Palmetto Condensed Milk. .18c

Lenox Soap, 7 bars. .25c

7 lbs. Best Lump Starch. .25c

Good Lard, per lb. .10c

Va. Pride Coffee, lb. .20c

Large Juicy Lemons, dozen. .18c

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